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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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- ## Status

- ## Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-47 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-47 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments filed November 21, 2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Examiner takes the position that the time frame of "about to begin" is a future time. Further, the Haubrich et al. reference does teach of system that is capable of notifying a patient of a telemetry session that is desired at some predetermined future time, as evidenced by the predetermined time period the implantable medical device awaits for the initiation of a telemetry session (col. 12 lines 33-37). Thus, it is inherent in the system as taught by Haubrich et al. that a pending telemetry session is initiated at a predetermined future time.

Response to Amendment

2. The amendment filed November 29, 2005 is objected to under 35 U.S.C. 132(a) because it introduces new matter into the disclosure. 35 U.S.C. 132(a) states that no amendment shall introduce new matter into the disclosure of the invention. The added material which is not supported by the original disclosure is as follows: Claims 14 and 16 have the language "generating a secondary notification."

Applicant is required to cancel the new matter in the reply to this Office Action.

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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. Claims 1-27, 29, 31-44 and 46-47 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Haubrich et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,482,154) as previously applied in the previous Office Action of September 14, 2005.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. Claims 28, 30 and 45 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Haubrich et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,482,154) as applied in the previous Office of September 14, 2005.

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Ferek-Petric (U.S. Patent No. 5,076,272), Sanders et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,609,615), Duffin et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,752,976), Greeninger et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,891,180), DeGroot (U.S. Patent No. 5,987,356), Greeninger et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,067,473), Alt et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,073,049), Goedeke et al. (U.S. 2001/0012955), Haller et al. (U.S. 2001/0051787), Linberg (U.S. 2002/0095196), Webb et al. (U.S. 2002/0123673).

6. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory

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action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Lenwood Faulcon, Jr. whose telephone number is 571-272-6090. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 9 to 5 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Angela D. Sykes, can be reached on 571-272-4955. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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